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Official Diary

13 December 1951

Discussed with Col. Baird several matters relating to the Office of Training. He proposed that much time might be saved if the Director of Training were permitted to coordinate the briefing of VIPs by CIA, so as to bring into such briefings other VIPs who might be awaiting such procedure. I suggested that this would be a good item for the next ADs' meeting and Col. Baird concurred. Also reviewed briefly Col. Baird's proposal for the next indoctrination course, which appeared to be a considerable improvement over the one I had taken.

Discussed with Col. Hansen the matter of the Fulton Lewis column and it was agreed that any action to be taken would be coordinated with Messrs. Jackson and Hedden and Col. Edwards. Col. Hansen indicated that Col. Edwards had an excellent statement with respect to each of the CIA individuals who seemed to be referred to by Lewis.

Attended briefing for Mr. Dulles in preparation for IAC meeting and we cleared with the DCI making reference at such meeting to the proposed amendment of NSCID #1. In connection with this matter, the DCI made it plain that he was by no means certain that he wanted the amendment in the exact form in which it presently exists, but he was content to have mention made that we were going to propose such an amendment.

Also obtained from the DCI and passed on to Mr. Dulles, the DCI's comments respecting SE 20.

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Discussed from time to time and at some length throughout the day my memorandum respecting the Director's recent conference on support for DD/P operations. Those consulted included Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, [redacted] and [redacted]. It was finally agreed that I would prepare a memorandum based upon my own personal recollection, and nothing more.

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[redacted] of I&S noted that a man named Hillsman had submitted a thesis in which he made some remarks respecting appropriate intelligence organization. He commented, for example, that time was being wasted in preparing encyclopedic country studies. [redacted] and I agreed that no security issue was involved and I approved clearance.

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